



Eric J. Holcomb Governor Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG State Health Commissioner

EMERGENCY ORDER REISSUING TEMPORARY BLANKET WAIVERS FOR HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY OUTPATIENT SURGICAL CENTERS

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-4-1, IC 16-28-1-10, and the September 18, 1991 resolution of the Executive Board of the Indiana Department of Health ("the Department"), and in recognition of providers' need for time to adjust operations following the planned expiration of Indiana's COVID-19 public health emergency on July 1, 2021, the State Health Commissioner hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. The "Covid-19 National/State Emergency Hospital Blanket Waiver: Conversion of Standard Patient Rooms to Negative Pressure Isolation Rooms" originally issued March 21, 2020, as amended March 23, 2020 and revised April 8, 2020 and subsequently extended, is hereby **reissued** as a new emergency order.
- 2. The "Second Covid-19 National/State Emergency Hospital Blanket Waiver: Patient Rooms" originally issued March 24, 2020 and subsequently extended is hereby **reissued** as a new emergency order.
- 3. The "Third Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Hospitals" originally issued March 27, 2020 and subsequently extended is hereby **reissued** as a new emergency order effective as of September 23, 2020.
- 4. The "Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Ambulatory Outpatient Surgical Centers" originally issued April 14, 2020 and subsequently extended is hereby **reissued** as a new emergency order.
- 5. This Order and the waivers granted herein are effective **July 1, 2021** and shall expire at the end of the day on **August 15, 2021**. A facility may request in writing that the Department grant the facility a further temporary extension of one or more specified waivers. Each such request must be received by appropriate the Department personnel no later than Friday, August 13, 2021. Each request will be considered based on the facility's showing of due diligence and that the specific waiver extension is necessary to ensure resident welfare or safety.

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- 6. The waivers granted herein are unique and strictly limited in effect to this time and specific situation. No part of the waivers or their language, terms or conditions shall apply or have relevance to other waivers or situations. Neither this Order nor these waivers establish or continue any precedent, policy, or approach for issuance of waivers individually or in general.
- 7. The Department has affirmatively determined that granting the waivers herein will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of any affected patients or residents.

SO ORDERED as of the date set forth below.

Kristina Box, MD, FACOG State Health Commissioner

By:

D. Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff and Acting Assistant Commissioner for Consumer Services and Health Care Regulation

Date: June 28, 2021